



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair
County Executive Paul Farrow
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
Interim Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell
District Attorney Sue Oppen

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly
County Board Chair Paul Decker
UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter
HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
City of Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring

Team Members Absent:

Sheriff Eric Severson
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess

SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri
Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski

Others Present:

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
SPD Local Attorney Manager Maura McMahon (proxy for Perri)
Assistant District Attorney Abbey Nickolie (proxy for Oppen)
Hon. Maria Lazar, Juvenile Court Judge

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain
HHS Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler
Citizen Ralph Schultz
Public Health Officer Ben Jones

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Approve Minutes from September 23, 2020

Motion: Decker moved, second by Paz, to approve the minutes from September 23, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Eiring arrived at 8:37 a.m. Dunn and Braatz arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Discuss and Consider Membership Addition and Change to Bylaws

Motion: Reilly moved, second by Huelsman, to amend the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council bylaws to replace the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board Representative with the Juvenile Summit Committee Representative. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Stakeholder Operational Updates Related to the Pandemic

Stakeholders gave updates on their respective areas related to changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Farrow arrived at 8:51 a.m.

Update on the Local Impact of the Pandemic

Jones presented a high-level overview of the COVID-19 pandemic in Waukesha County.

There were 6,000 positive COVID cases in October. 42% of all cases occurring from March to October, occurred in October. The number of cases in every age group increased in October; however, larger increases were noted in those over the age of 30. November is on pace to double October's positive cases.

The number of cases is more than the system can handle, so contact tracing will be changing, utilizing schools and businesses to assist with the contact tracing. School and work do not appear to be as responsible for spreading the virus as much as afterhours activities. Households pose the biggest risk of spreading the virus.

Opper arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Jones stated that if someone is re-exposed to COVID within 90 days of being confirmed COVID-positive with a PCR test, they do not need to re-quarantine. Outside of the 90 days, they will need to re-quarantine. There is a lot that we do not understand and do not know about the virus. Because of this, the public should still exercise CDC guidelines such as mask-wearing, social distancing, and hand washing.

Neimon left at 9:31 a.m. Thompson left at 9:41 a.m. Farrow left at 9:54 a.m. Reilly left at 9:59 a.m. Decker left at 10:00 a.m.

Courthouse Construction Project Update

Dorow stated that they are scheduled for courthouse tower occupancy by Summer 2021. The project is now in the proposal selection process of Phase 2 to renovate the existing courthouse. This process includes interviewing architect and engineering firms the end of November and the first week of December 2020.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

Dorow stated that the committee is determining ways to move cases off the waitlists for the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP) and Pretrial Supervision.

Case Processing

Opper stated that the committee is reviewing inefficiencies that have occurred as a result of holding court virtually.

Alternative Interventions

There were no additional updates for this committee.

Mental Health

Robertson reported that the Planning and Implementation Guide for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) grant has been submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for review and approval. The committee will have a virtual site visit with the technical assistance provider from the Council of State Governments on December 15 to review the grant and Stepping Up Initiative, followed by a virtual jail tour with Captain Wollenhaupt.

CIT Training took place at the end of September, with 32 officers being trained. NAMI Waukesha/Milwaukee also received a grant to conduct 8 CIT trainings over 2 years, training 250 new officers.

Carpenter left at 10:05 a.m.

Victims' Rights

There were no additional updates for this committee.

CJCC Budget Objectives

Dorow stated that the ad hoc committee continues to discuss electronic monitoring program options and has formed a workgroup to explore that, as well as a video conferencing pilot.

Announcements

Paz announced that the Clerk of Courts office received a grant to purchase remote access carts, which will be located in designated conference rooms and will allow defendants to appear remotely for court.

Public Comment

Citizen Schultz gave a public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Paz moved, second by Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.